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CONDITION OF WIDOWS AND ABANDONED WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any country-wide survey to assess the number and conditions of widows and women abandoned or divorced by their husbands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the 'Swadhar Scheme' to rehabilitate such women, socially and economically has been successful in achieving its objectives;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of Swadhar Shelter Homes established and the amount spent during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Registrar General of India conducts the largest demography survey in the country which includes data on population composition by broad age groups, sex, marital status & the like which includes widows, separated & divorced women. The details are available on their website www.censusindia.gov.in

(c)&(d) So far, 11,688 women have benefitted under 'Swadhar Scheme'. Details are available at the website of this Ministry viz. www.wcd.nic.in

(e) Details regarding number of Swadhar Shelter Homes established and the amount spent during each of the last three years, State-wise are available at the website of this Ministry viz. www.wcd.nic.in